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United States District Court
Southern District of New York
United States Courthouse
500 Pearl Street
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Re: United States v. Felix Strashnov, 07 Cr. 1087 (BSJ)

Dear Judge Jones:

An indictment was returned in the above-referenced case yesterday. The defendants, Felix Strashnov and Michael Ayngorn, had been charged in Complaint 07 Mag. 1435. Both defendants were arrested on September 5, 2007, and released on personal recognizance bonds.

An initial pretrial conference in this case is scheduled for December 12, 2007, at 2 p.m. I am writing, with the consent of defense counsel, to request that time under the Speedy Trial Act be excluded from today up to and including December 12, 2007, pursuant to Title 18, United States Code, Section 3161(h)(8)(A).

Excluding time under the Speedy Trial Act until December 12, 2007, will best serve the ends of justice and outweigh the best interests of the public and the defendant in a speedy trial, because it will allow the Government to assemble discovery for production and allow the parties to continue discussions in an effort to resolve this case without trial. Steven Statsinger, Esq., counsel for Felix Strashnov, and George

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Goltzer, Esq., counsel for Michael Ayngorn, advised me that they consent to this request.

Application granted. In the interest of justice for the reason stated above, speedy trial time is excluded from December 5, 2007 to December 12, 2007, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3161(h)(8)(A).

Respectfully submitted,

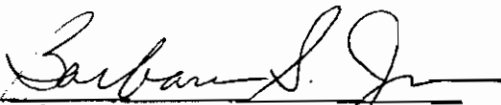
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SO ORDERED:


Honorable Barbara S. Jones
United States District Judge

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